

Public Notification

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Public Notification

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Sewage Overflow

In compliance with the Maryland Department of the Environment's Procedures for Public Notification of Sewage Spills, Overflows or Release, the Howard County Health Department in cooperation with the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Utilities reports the following:

CONDITION: Sewage Overflow

WHERE: Outfall area behind Darkwood Ct, Jessup, MD

20794

WHAT: Approximately 42,000 gallon discharge

WHEN: Notification Date: August 25, 2017

Pre-Cautionary HEALTH ALERT

As a result of erosion from a nearby stream due to heavy rains, an 8" sewer main broke resulting in a sanitary sewage overflow. Emergency contractors were dispatched to set up emergency bypass and begin repairs. Due to access issues, emergency bypass was not completed until 8/24/18 10:30 AM. The sewer is no longer leaking at this time. Contractors have made repairs on the main. Based on the amount of flow and duration of the overflow, it is estimated that approximately 42,000 gallons may have overflowed.

Sanitation Measures

Contractors have repaired the break, as well as protected the main from future erosion. Signs have been posted in the area to remind the public to avoid contact with these types of affected areas. Maryland Department of the Environment will be notified of the occurrence and subsequent response actions.

For general information regarding the circumstances surrounding the overflow, contact: BUREAU OF UTILITIES at 410-313-4900.